PRESENT—*cont.*

Syed Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur, Nattam Dubash Kadir Sahib.
Thomas, Mr. Daniel.
Tulasiram, Mr. L. K.
Uppi Sahib Bahadur, K.
Vanavudaiya Goundar, Mr. S. V.
Venkatapathi Raju, Mr. P. C.
Venkatarama Ayyar, Mr. K. R.
Venkataramana Ayyangar, Mr. C. V.
Venkatarama Sastri, C.I.E., Mr. T. R.
Venkatarangam Nayudu, Mr. C.
Venkiah, Mr. S.
Wood, Mr. C. E.
Zamindar of Gollapalli.
Zamindar of Mirzapuram.
Zamindar of Seithur.

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NEW MEMBERS.

The following new Members were sworn in :—

Mr. A. M. C. Tampoe, I.C.S.

Mr. C. Ramalinga Reddi.

II

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No.* 15.

1. Starred questions to be put at a meeting of the Council with their answers shall be printed and placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

The President will call out the name of each interpellator in the order in which the names are printed, specify the serial number of his question and make a sufficient pause to give him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place and putting a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.

2. If a member responsible for a starred question happens to be absent when it is called, it will be open either to him or to any other member to put supplemental questions thereon after the other starred questions for the day have been answered, provided question-time is not thereby exceeded.

3. Questions, not starred, will not be called in Council, but they will be printed with their answers and placed on the table of the House along with the list of starred questions. Oral supplementary questions will not be allowed in regard to unstarred questions.]

STARRED QUESTIONS

Medical

Steps to remove the difficulties of nurses working in Government hospitals.

*658 Q.—Mr. J. A. Davis: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what steps have been taken to remove the difficulties under which nurses are working in Government hospitals, particularly, in Madras—

(*a*) as to the hours they are required to work both day and right;

(*b*) as to the dieting arrangements; and

(*c*) as to nurses who are sick being deprived of their salary and at the same time required to pay the hospital charges?

A.—(*a*) The hours of duty of nurses in the General Hospital, Madras, are as shown below:—

Day nurses.—Eight-and-a-quarter hours a day between 6-30 a.m. and 6 p.m., deducting intervals for meals and two hours off-duty.